

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Amend the paragraph on page 9, lines 6-25, as follows:

As shown in Figure. 2, the method ~~10~~ 12 generally comprises the following steps. In the first step 28, the object having the color to be matched is positioned adjacent a scanning bed of the flatbed scanner 14. The flatbed scanner 14 is actuated at step 30 to scan the object and to produce a color image data signal representative of the object. The color image data signal may then be transferred to the processing unit 20 of the computer system 10 so that an image 26 of the scanned object may be displayed on the monitor 16 at step 32. See Figure 4. Next, a color region 34 containing the color to be matched may be selected at step 36. Once selected, the computer system 10 maps the color image data signal (step 38) to ascertain a corresponding color in a defined color space (e.g., Pantone Matching System) that corresponds to the color to be matched. In the final step 40, the user is informed of the identity of the corresponding color. For example, the user may be provided with a reference number that identifies or is associated with the corresponding color.